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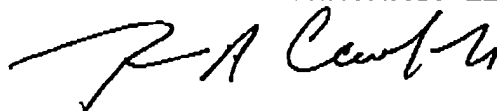
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Sir:

This is in response to the final official action dated April 5, 2004, wherein the pending claims were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first and second paragraphs, and the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting. The applicants respectfully traverse in view of the following amendments and remarks. This response is accompanied by a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and the petition for extension of time to file in the third month is set forth below.